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March 4, 2015

DECISION

CS Mining, LLC Attn: David McMullin, General Manager P.O. Box 608 Milford, Utah 84751

<u>Plan of Operations Amendment Approved – Conditions of Approval Required</u> <u>Determination of Required Financial Guarantee Amount</u>

This office has reviewed CS Mining's most recent permit amendment to the Hidden Treasure Large Mine Permit (submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on January 28, 2015 and updated February 27, 2015, Division file M/001/0067). BLM has treated the permit changes as amendment 4 to your current Hidden Treasure plan of operations (BLM file UTU-82071). The plan of operations amendment is hereby approved subject to the following:

Conditions of Approval:

The recently completed environmental assessment, UT-C010-2014-0061, CS Mining LLC, Milford Operation Area Project Expansion, analyzed the direct and connected action impacts from the proposed plan amendment disturbances on BLM managed lands in the project area. The decision record for this environmental assessment was signed on March 3, 2015. This decision record applies to all activities on BLM-managed land within the permit area and requires that those activities conform to the Design Features to Reduce Impacts, Appendix B of the environmental assessment. A copy of the final environmental assessment and decision record is enclosed.

Financial Guarantee

The reclamation bond for the permit area as a whole was estimated at \$5,238,000. BLM estimates that \$1,171,000 of this amount is attributable to those existing and currently proposed project activities on the BLM managed land within the overall permit area. A satisfactory financial guarantee

in the amount of \$1,171,000 must be provided to the BLM prior to initiating the proposed amendment activities.

Appeal of the Decision

If you are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the Utah BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director Review, the request must be received in the Utah BLM State Office at P.O. Box 45155-0155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or have been notified of this decision. The request for State Director Review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director Review is pending, unless a stay is granted by the State Director. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the Utah BLM State Office to determine when BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal at this office: BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721 from which we will forward your appeal to the IBLA.

If you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1). Your Notice of Appeal must be filed at BLM Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant, you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. Enclosed is BLM Form 1842-1, which contains information on taking appeals to the IBLA.

This decision will remain in effect while the IBLA reviews the case, unless a stay is granted by the IBLA. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Ginouves of my staff at 435-865-3040.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burghard Field Office Manager

Enclosures: BLM Form 1842-1

UT-C010-2014-0061-EA, CS Mining LLC, Milford Operation Area Project Expansion

cc: Peter Brinton, DOGM (Hidden Treasure Large Mine Permit, M/001/0067)

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